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AMENDED CLAIM SET:

1. (currently amended) A reinforcing non-woven base fabric comprising consisting of:

reinforcing fiber yarns <u>as warp yarns</u>, in which the reinforcing fiber yarn is selected from the group consisting of carbon fibers, glass fibers, boron fibers, and steel fibers, and is a fiber extended yarn made of multifilaments that form a flat shape <u>having a degree of flatness in a range from 20 to 700</u> without twists, and a support fibrous member that is formed of

multifilament <u>yarns</u> as <u>weft yarns</u>, <u>yarn that is made consisting</u> of polyolefin composite fibers having a core-sheath structure in which the sheath portion is formed by a polymer having a lower melting point than that of the core portion;

wherein the reinforcing non-woven base fabric being is formed by laminating and thermo-compressing the reinforcing fiber yarns and the multifilament yarns support fibrous members to anchor the reinforcing fiber yarns with the multifilament yarns support member to form a sheet shape, and

wherein said reinforcing non-woven base fabric has a three-layer structure in which two upper layers and a lower layer of the groups of warp yarns with a fixed interval are placed, with the group of weft yarns being interpolated therebetween, and the lower layer is laminated with an offset of a ½-pitch so as to place the yarn of the group of lower-layer yarns between the yarns of the groups of upper-layer yarns.

- 2. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn is made of carbon fibers.
 - 3. & 4. (cancelled).
- 5. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the core-sheath structure of the composite fibers having the core-sheath structure has a polypropylene (core portion)/polyethylene (sheath portion) structure or a polypropylene (core portion)/low melting point polypropylene (sheath portion) structure.

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- 6. (cancelled).
- 7. (cancelled).
- 8. (cancelled).
- 9. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the sheet shape is maintained through fusion-bonding.
 - 10. 13. (cancelled).
- 14. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the high melting point polymer is a polypropylene polymer and the low melting point polymer is polyethylene or a low melting point polypropylene polymer.
 - 15. (cancelled).
 - 16. (cancelled).